



A TRIBAL SUCCESS STORY

Susanville Indian Rancheria Leads the Way for Smokefree Tribal Housing



THE CHALLENGE

Secondhand smoke poses a serious health threat—breathing even small amounts can be harmful. Despite knowing these dangers, it can be challenging to pass smokefree tribal housing policies.

POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

California's Clean Air Project (CCAP) has been an active member of the Nevada/California Indian Housing Association for many years. By attending their conferences and tribal events, the CCAP Project Director, Narinder Dhaliwal was able to establish trust and build relationships with tribal housing authority leaders at Susanville Indian Rancheria.



The CCAP team provided education to them about the dangers of secondhand and thirdhand smoke in multi-unit housing. When they learned how easily smoke can drift into nonsmokers' houses

and the costs associated with cleaning homes of smokers, they quickly decided to make one of their newly built four-plexes 100% smokefree. This is the first tribal housing complex at Susanville Indian Rancheria to have implemented this policy.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

With continuing support within the tribal community, the housing authority plans to develop more new complexes that will also be 100% smokefree.



Let's make our air cleaner.
Let's do whatever we can do, it may be slow, and you might have to do it in increments, but it's doable.

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